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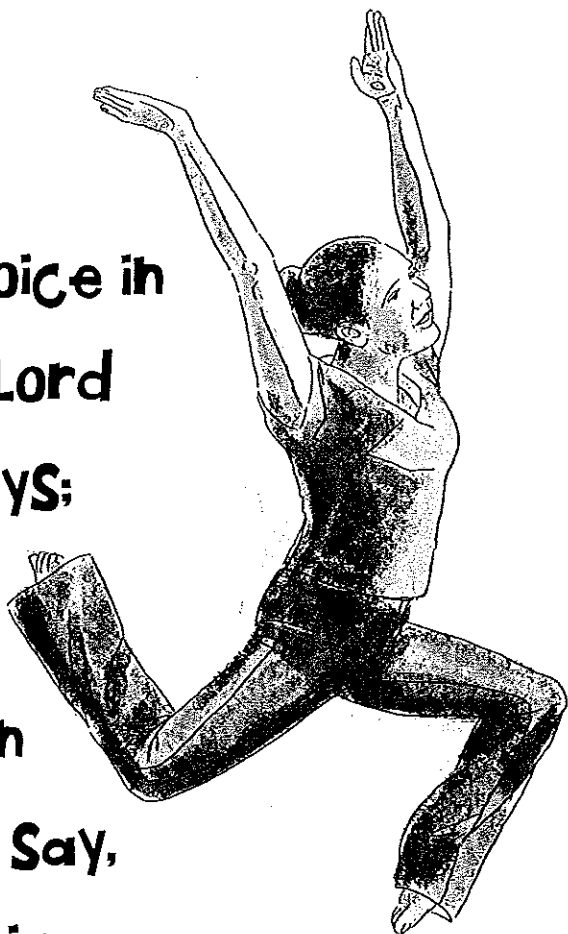
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**Rejoice in
the Lord
always;**

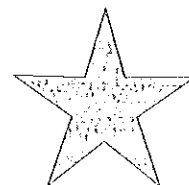
**again
I will say,
Rejoice.**

Philippians 4:4. NRSV



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9:30 - Communion Intinction

OCTOBER 2011

Food Pantry - Canned Pasta, Soap

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Before 8 th of Oct Bring your Rummage to the College Ministry office	After 8 th North end of Willits	1 8- AA
2 Peacemaking Offering 9:30 - Worship/Com 10:35- Fellowship 10:45 - Adult & Youth Ed 6:30 - Women's Bible Study World Communion Sunday	3 10-Food Pantry	4 8:30am - Yoga 6:30 - AA 6:30 - Youth Choir 7-PDV	5 10-Food Pantry 5:30 - Dinner 6:30 - Praise & Worship 7:15 - Pure Praise Bible Sty 7:30 - Chancel Choir	6 8:30am - Yoga 12 - Bible Study 6:30 - AA 7 - Men's Bible Study 7- Women's Bible Study	7 6:30am -Men's Fellowship 9- Community Kitchen 10- Food Pantry 5:15 AA	8 11- Memorial for Agnes Gunderman 8- AA
9 9:30 - Worship/Congrega tional meeting 10:35 - Fellowship 10:45 -Adult & Youth Ed 6:30 - Women's Bible Study	10 OFFICE CLOSED PANTRY CLOSED 7- Encounter Group 6:30- Trustees	11 8:30am -Yoga 10-Trust Group 5:30-Youth Council 6:30 - AA 6:30 -Youth Choir 7- Music & Worship	12 10 -Food Pantry 5- Fellowship Committee 6:30 - Deacons 7:15 -Pure Praise 7:30 - Chancel Choir	13 8:30am - Yoga 12-Bible Study 6:30 - AA 7-Women's Bible Study 7- Men's Bible Study	14 6:30am-Men's Fellowship 10-Food Pantry 5:15 AA	15 9-Trustees Workday 8- AA
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BEING THE CHURCH

Rev. Gary A. Chorprenning
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Being the Church is difficult. When I say that, I'm not so much saying that being the Church requires a lot of effort and expenditure of energy, though I suppose it often does require that. But what I really have in mind when I say that being the Church is difficult is that it doesn't come naturally to us—not now in our fallen condition.

By the time we reach adulthood, our characters have deeply influence by the ways of the world. We have come to believe that in order to succeed in life we need to be highly competitive, self-reliant, and aggressive. Multi-tasking is good. Moving fast is better than moving slowly. Being busy is something to be proud of. Put yourself forward. Advocate for your own interests. I read an ad in a business magazine a few years ago that said, "Meekness may get you into heaven, but it won't get you into a corner office." [A corner office is a sign of a person's status in a modern office building, I'm told.]

Those kinds of lessons get very, very deeply ingrained in our way of looking at and coping with the world. And the reason they do is that, well, unfortunately, they very often work. That is those kinds of attitude will very often succeed at enabling you to get ahead by the world's standards. So, if getting into that corner office is more important to you than getting into heaven. That is, if being a successful worldling is more important to you than walking with Jesus, then I have to say, the world's fight-your-way-to-the-top attitudes are the way to go. But, when you get there, you may find that you don't feel so much at home in that proverbial office as you thought you would.

When we try to be the Church using the world's tools and attitudes, we will get neither a faithful church nor a successful worldly organization. We will get a nasty and destructive swamp of toxic

relationships and devilish ideas. God's Church has to be utterly different from the world. And even though that differentness is sometimes mocked at by the world, our differentness from the rest of the world is, in fact, the great beauty and the great power of the Church.

North Church is facing some challenging circumstances at this time in our history. And we are being blessed by God with some very important gifts and opportunities. In order to face the

challenges and make the most of the divine gifts and opportunities, we have to cultivate the virtues of the Kingdom of God, not those of the kingdom of this world.

Instead of pride, we need to cultivate a heart of humility as one of the hallmarks of how we do things. That will be expressed by a servant heart – a heart and attitude that seeks first the well-being of others, especially those we disagree with, before we seek our own well-being. Take care of each other in love, especially those with whom you don't see eye to eye.

Instead of business and hurry, we need to cultivate a heart of patience and prayerfulness, an attitude of waiting for God to move before we do. We need to throw away the false belief that it will be our own business and effort that will be required if we are to succeed as the Church of Jesus Christ. Rather it is always the doing and action of God that will enable the Church to be the Church. Waiting and listening with patience and prayer is the only way to see and hear the Spirit of God, who is the only leader and prime doing in the God's Church

In patient prayer, humble submission to God's Word, and loving self-sacrifice for others that we will move through the trials and testings that lie before us.



You are invited to take part in the
“Pure Praise” Bible Study!

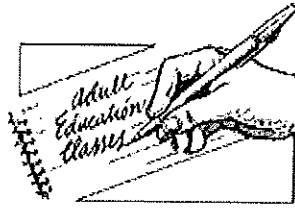
A Heart-Focused Bible Study on Worship ~ by Dwayne Moore
October 5th – November 30th

If you would like worship to be a part of your daily life and more fully enjoy corporate worship on Sundays, then you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn ways to worship with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

This is a nine week study that is not homework intensive. It is mostly an independent study, but it will be helpful to have some interaction and discussion with others who are taking part in this learning experience. We will meet briefly to discuss each week's lesson together on Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm – 7:30pm in the choir room. We can also communicate using email and a facebook group that I will create. If you would like to join us on this adventure, just say the word and I will order a book for you. Books are only \$10



Contact Heather Taylor at (607) 259-2274 or heather@hst-percussion.com

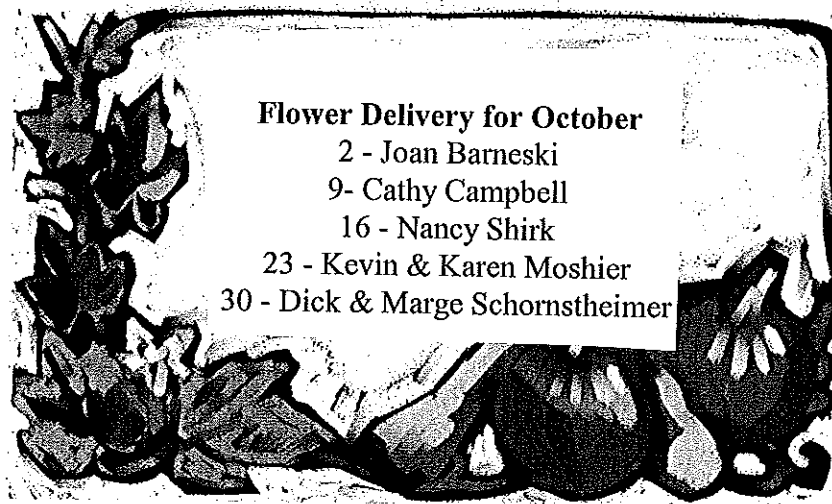


Two classes will be offered for Adult Ed this fall starting September 25. These classes take place after service during children's Sunday school time.

One is a Fisherman Bible Study this summer called The Fruit of the Spirit (Cultivating Christ-like Character). This class will be a 10 week class led by Linda and Joel Buice. This class doesn't have a lot of homework.

The other is a six week video session of Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore. Each video session will be followed by a week of homework discussion. Even if you don't want to participate in the homework, you would be welcome to attend the video and review sessions. These three women lead you into a deeper understanding of different sections of the bible that can be helpful to all.

We look forward to seeing you there. Come check out one of these classes and come to know your fellow parishioners a bit better.



Flower Delivery for October
2 - Joan Barneski
9 - Cathy Campbell
16 - Nancy Shirk
23 - Kevin & Karen Moshier
30 - Dick & Marge Schornstheimer



As you prepare your lawn at home for the coming winter, please also care for “your” lawn at NPC – remember those plots we “adopted” a couple of years ago?

Fall is a great time for planting perennials and bulbs – a little work done now will have a huge impact next spring.

If you don’t remember which area is “yours,” or if you would like a spot to call your own, please contact Jeff Richards, our green thumb expert!

What are you doing with your spiritual gifts?

September 13, 2011 | Written by: Sue Brage

Permalink: <http://www.churchvolunteercentral.com/cvdaily/what-are-you-doing-with-your-spiritual-gifts/>

We've been having ongoing discussions on our team about the significance of spiritual gifts. Oh, it's not that we don't know what they are, or what they are for. The discussion centers on "So what?" We think about how many people have identified their spiritual gifts...in a discovery process, through a book, or even through an online assessment...only to add that to their portfolio and never do anything about it.

Even leaders are guilty. We use spiritual gifts as a way of pigeon-holing people into certain slots or positions, not really taking time to understand the uniqueness of the package that spiritual gift is housed in. My pastor spoke on labeling people last Sunday. May we not be guilty of using spiritual gifts as a sophisticated labeling system to "figure people out" and thus, put them in a box. Ok, slow down Sue. You are on that soap-box again. Maybe I am.

But what good are spiritual gifts if they only add to our knowledge-base, about ourselves and about others, and never motivate us to help people?

One book I read labeled spiritual gifts as "motive gifts." I love that! For truly our gifts are the motivation behind our service. They are the passion we feel; the energy that comes when we are acting on something we care about. The same compassion that moved Jesus.

Another author was of the opinion that most of us in the Western culture completely miss the point of spiritual gifts, for they were never intended to be personal at all, but corporate. Our gifts are for the body. To serve. To build up. To fill a need and bridge a gap. That's how God desires to use our gifts. Not as a means to label and divide, but to motivate and connect.

So all that said, what would you add to the discussion? Take a moment to share how you are using your spiritual gifts...or why you maybe aren't. And most importantly, how do you know?

Sue Brage has been part of the Church Volunteer Central team since 2010, and serves as Editor for Church Volunteer Daily and Inspired. She's obsessed with helping church leaders deal with difficult people, find fresh inspiration, consider new ideas to motivate and appreciate volunteers, or make their churches safer. She has served the local church for more than 30 years and has recently moved to Loveland, CO.

So - What are you doing with your spiritual gifts?

**If you'd like to do more or learn more, please contact the
Nominating Committee @ 731-0897, Linda Palmer**

Thank you.

MARRIAGE

The steps were not long and brought one up to the home's main level. Inside the home the streaming sunshine cast an aura of peaceful warmth and modest comfort. The mood of tranquility was intensified by the several children playing quietly but certainly not somberly on the living room floor. The wife was discussing the week's domestic schedule. The husband was soft spoken as hopes and plans were being developed. The one thing making this household different was the family's structural glue of a Christian marriage. The couple knew from the beginning, who was Lord of the family.

The definition of Marriage has a secular element and a Christian a spiritual element. Defining the boundaries between the state (society) and the church (religion) has been a problem of shifting responsibilities throughout the ages. The endgame for us is the secular community is foisting upon the church an attempt to overrule Scriptural guidelines and prohibitions such as same sex partners. This has been an issue of discussion in PC (USA). The 2010 General Assembly tabled the discussion for study. Once again the probability is that it will surface at the 2012 General Assembly this coming summer. PC (USA) has issued two thirty page studies with the seeming objective of probing and studying the potentiality of bringing the church into modern society's mores and morals. Some of us think that a mistake.

The written history of secular marriage can be traced at least to Sparta (10th century B.C.) It was proposed that every man, a warrior, was expected to have a wife. A similar expectation, although not all males were to be warriors, is seen in Israel at this time.

Christian marriage finds its roots in Genesis and was certainly established before the 10th century B.C. Marriage in the Greco-Roman world was a self-declared status without a presiding official. With the required father's approval and several witnesses the couple was considered married. The purpose for marriage was family or political alliances, procreation and legal distribution of inheritance. Companionship may have been an added value, but functionality precluded comfort.

The Romans under Augustus, at the time of Christ, with a dwindling population, passed tax laws imposing levies on single individuals and childless couples. The state had an interest fostering marriage.

The self-declaration model was standard until the fourth Lateran council in 1213. This imposed the requirement for a priest to officiate and several other church requirements to be met. However, for the Christian community, the first writing on marriage outside of the New Testament and prior to the establishment of our New Testament Canon (367) was the letter *Ad Uxorem* –(trans: "to my wife") from the Church Father Tertullian (ca. 200) to his wife. The letter constructs a Christian marriage.

Surprisingly this letter comes from a period when the Church was yet primitive, persecuted, and functioning underground with no unified leader. Instead there were bishops overseeing a town or area. Yet, initially the marriage arrangements were conducted by the church. It involved two people, male and female, committed to each other in gender equality, and to Christ. Tertullian painted a picture of perfect cohabitation, with the Father's (God's) initial approval. He spelled out areas requiring mutual diligence, as less committed unions might self-destruct.

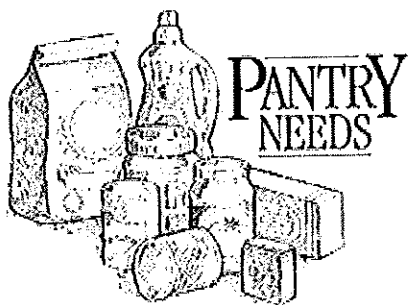
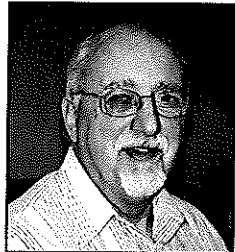
The trajectory of marriage from 200 – 313 was an underground process controlled by the local overseer. With Constantine's 313 Edict of Toleration the church surfaced but had governmental involvement. The church initially regained control on the Catholic side in 1213 at the fourth Lateran Council. The reformers, without much enthusiasm, followed suit.

Today there is discussion as to the relationship of the church and the state in the officiating of weddings. Such proposals as same sex marriage have heightened the debate. What is a Christian marriage? *Ad Uxorem!*

How we teach our youth the significance and nuances of marriage will affect society and our church. Consider *Ad Uxorem* This first Christian statement outside the New Testament has been the basis for Christian marriage for 90 generations or more. Herein lays the glue that produces the home of stability and peace. It doesn't get any better!

See Ya Sunday. Look for the gold wedding bands and perhaps a bit of grey hair and wonder if, upon reflection, could anyone consider for a moment a change to the description of *Ad Uxorem* !

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Canned Pasta-Ravioli, spaghetti-os, etc

Soap (hand/bar/laundry/dishes)

Thank You!

Tracey and I would like to extend out grateful appreciation for the cards, prayers, and thoughts we have received from our church family. Tracey was able to be a blessing to her family by staying in Waynesboro, PA with her mom and dad while he was ill. She was able to share her gifts of caring and help even while he was hospitalized, feeling crummy, and unsure of the future. While he had been battling CLL (leukemia) for some time his change in health was sudden. Right up until the time he passed away she was an 'angel' at his side. Her smile and joy was contagious.

Tracey and the kids initially moved down to Waynesboro in July to care for her dad and continued their presence there until last week. I spent weekdays here in NY and weekends in PA. While the situation presented unique challenges it is also what we expected to do. To care for one's parents is a great blessing. It also reminded me of how significant family members are. I was proud of Jedaiah and Seth as I watched them work through the loss and privileged to walk along side them as pallbearers for their grandfather.

Tracey and the kids have now been home for the last week but are again headed South for more time with her mom. It is a blessing that we are able to be in this 'place' to continue our support. In a way, while the loss is painful to us, we now arrive at a point where we realize the blessing of our family, the time we have together, our God given abilities, our opportunity to touch the lives of others, and to realize the hope and future we have in Christ.

While none of you knew Tracey's father he was a man of faith and served many years as an Elder in our past church. I had the privilege of serving alongside him as a fellow Elder and as a staff person. He had just completed the process of chairing the PNC (nominating committee) for that church (PCUSA). As a result of his work, the committee's work, and God's providence they had just called and installed a new Pastor. His funeral was her first. Even to the end God had continued to use him for His purposes. Praise God! I hope that we all are just as effective in our lives.

Thank You! In Christ's name...
Romans 8:18-30

Adam Hungerford



“I want to thank all who sent cards and offered prayers during my recent outpatient treatment in Philadelphia. All went well and I’m feeling great.”

Joel Buice

11th ANNUAL CHEMUNG COUNTY CROP WALK

OCTOBER 16TH

RAIN or SHINE

Registration 1:30 PM

2:00 PM Walk Begins

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GOAL: \$10,000 raised by 500 walkers!

- ¾ of \$ raised to Church World Service
- ¼ of \$ raised remain in Chemung County
 - Food Pantries- North Presbyterian, Elmira Heights, New Beginnings, Horseheads, Big Flats and Pennsylvania Avenue UMC
 - Samaritan Center

PLEASE BRING 1 NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

Route: 10K (6 miles) - West on Church Street to the point and return east on Water Street
5K(3 miles) – Cut over at Guinnip Street and return to Wisner Park

Recruiters' Responsibilities:

- Promote event in your church- newsletter and bulletins
- *Make every attempt to get your pastor's full support. Promotion from the pulpit is helpful.*
- Recruit as many walkers as possible- families, youth, pets, etc.
- Hand out walker's envelopes as soon as possible, so donations can be secured. **It is wise to ask to ask for the donation before the walk.**
- Record names of all walkers on recruiter's packet.
- Collect and record all monies from walkers as soon as possible after the walk.
- Contact me when all monies are in. I shall arrange to pick up.
Monies should be turned in ASAP. Committee has wrap-up meeting November 1st.
- **October 16**
Register name of your church and total # of walkers.

If you have any questions or need more supplies, please call me. Again, thank you for your help. It should be an exciting day as we in Chemung County walk with the world.

WE WALK BECAUSE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WALK EVERY DAY FOR FOOD, FOR SHELTER, FOR WATER, FOR SURVIVAL.



Minute for Mission: One Step at a Time

Have you ever been hungry? If you know you are going to be able to eat some time soon, it's not bad; our bodies are reminding us that it's time to refuel. But, if you don't know whether you will be able to eat at all, that's something very different. And even worse, if you don't know if you will be able to feed your hungry children, that's crushing. Imagine what that must be like. We can do something to help! The CROP Hunger Walk is coming soon and we need you. We need people to walk. And we need people to sponsor our Walkers. We need *each* of you. And together, step by step we can make a difference in the lives of hungry people around the world. What kind of difference? Listen to the voices of hungry people struggling to find hope and the impact you make through supporting our CROP Hunger Walk.

A young girl in the USA says, *When you are hungry, you can't think of anything else.*

Up to 25% of the money raised in a CROP Hunger Walk supports hunger-fighting efforts in that local community. Last year, CROP Hunger Walks provided over \$4 million dollars to some 3,000 soup kitchens and food pantries across the U.S.

A poor man in Brazil sighs, *What is poverty? To come home and see your children hungry and not have anything to give them.*

Last year CROP Hunger Walks raised over 15 million dollars to assist hungry people around the world, providing food and other essentials to those recovering from disasters, as well as tools and training to communities as they seek to establish food security for themselves in places like Guatemala, Indonesia, Haiti, Cambodia, Kenya and more.

A farmer in Niger who received help through a CWS-supported program celebrates, *Thanks to the new well and the increased cultivation, we have more food for our family, and are able to sell the extra to gain a little income.* From despair to hope. From hunger to food security. That's the difference you make by supporting our CROP Hunger Walk. Together we're ending hunger – one step at a time. Please join us!!

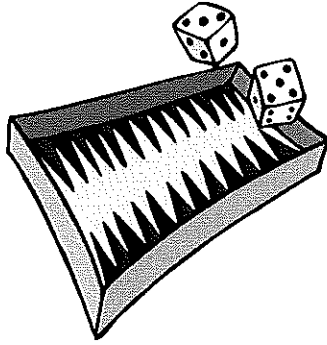


Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study

Time – 7:00-8:30 PM; Subject – II Samuel; Location - Teen

Room:

Requirement – Sense of humor



NPC GAME NIGHT

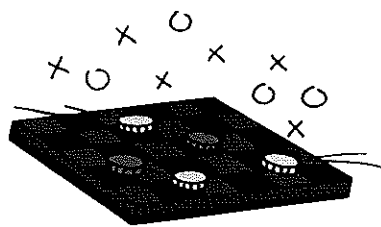
(Brought to you by the Fellowship Committee)

FUN FOR ALL AGES

DATE: Saturday, October 22nd

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

**Bring a snack to share and your favorite board/table game.
Drinks will be provided by the committee.**



Bring a friend !

**Don't miss out on this opportunity for some relaxed fun and
fellowship with your NPC family. Hope to see you all there.**

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 22, 9-2
Bag Sale 1-2

NORTH CHURCH NIGHT

Thursday, October 20 6-7

HELPERS NEEDED: Monday, October 17th to Thursday, October 20 9-3
Please call Glenda at 733-9538

Please bring good used items and fall/winter clothing to the North end of Willits Hall starting Monday, October 3 to Monday, October 17. Please have your rummage here no later than October 17th, so the workers have time to sort and price.

Clothes on hangers will be appreciated.

NO OLD BOOKS, TEXT BOOKS, MAGAZINES OR COMPUTER ITEMS.
Only children's books and current best sellers will be accepted.

Tax slips for donated items are available.

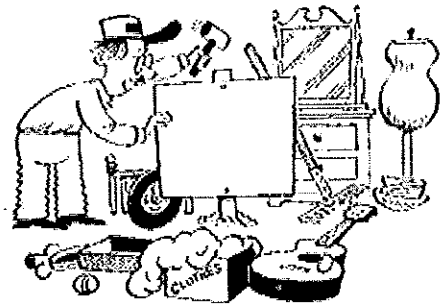
Thanks
Glenda Solowiej
Ann Motley

Please Note: From Oct 1 to 9 please bring rummage to the College Ministry Room after Oct 9th you can bring rummage to the North End of Willits.



This year's rummage sale at North Church will be held on October 22nd. The church will accept "rummage" as of October 1st. The money raised is used to purchase extra items not included in the church budget. Here are some of the items purchased in the last few years with the rummage sale funds.

- Contributed to the purchase of the kitchen ice machine.
- New card tables
- New and matching silverware in Willits
- Tables and chairs in the nursery
- Tables and chairs in the Sunday School rooms
- Assorted kitchen utensils
- High chair in Willits
- New 6-8' tables
- \$500.00 was given to the Heifer Project Mission in 2010
- Contributed to past youth groups for their help



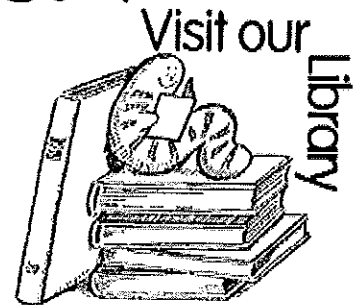
Glenda and I would like to thank everyone who donates to the rummage sale; both in time and rummage. If anyone has a suggestion as to where the rummage earnings should go, please feel free to talk to Glenda and myself. We plan on donating to a mission every year and hope to contribute to North Church in additional ways.

Once again, thank you to all and we hope to have another successful rummage sale this year on October 22nd.

Blessings,
Ann Motley and Glenda Solowiej



All I'll Ever Need
by
Harry Kraus, MD



This book, by a general surgeon who serves as a missionary in East Africa, reads like a combination of ER and CSI. It is a mystery in which the main characters often rely upon God for guidance, support, and direction. Although this is the third book in a series, it is easy jump into and learn the characters. Dr. Clair McCall is trying to plan her wedding, keep her medical practice going, and recover from a rape attempt, but events and other people seem to keep interfering with her plans. She has to keep reminding herself to trust in God and repeatedly finds His hand in unexpected places. This is a good Christian mystery story that takes place in modern times. It will keep you going with its twists and turns. It is available in the church library.

Mary Ruth Ostrander

AD UXOREM (To My Wife)
Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus
(c. 160 – c. 220 AD)

How shall we ever be able adequately to describe the happiness of that marriage which the Church arranges, the Sacrifice strengthens, upon which the blessing sets a seal, at which angels are present as witnesses, and to which the Father gives His consent? For not even on earth do children marry properly and legally without their fathers' permission.

How beautiful, then, the marriage of two Christians, two who are one in hope, one in desire, one in the way of life they follow, one in the religion they practice. They are as brother and sister, both servants of the same Master. Nothing divides them, either in flesh or in spirit. They are, in very truth, two in one flesh; and where there is but one flesh there is also but one spirit. They pray together, they worship together, they fast together; instructing one another, encouraging one another, strengthening one another. Side by side they visit God's church and partake of God's Banquet; side by side they face difficulties and persecution, share their consolations. They have no secrets from one another; they never shun each other's company; they never bring sorrow to each other's hearts. Unembarrassed they visit the sick and assist the needy. They give alms without anxiety; they attend the Sacrifice without difficulty; they perform their daily exercises of piety without hindrance. They need not be furtive about making the Sign of the Cross, nor timorous in greeting the brethren, nor silent in asking a blessing of God. Psalms and hymns they sing to one another, striving to see which one of them will chant more beautifully the praises of their Lord. Hearing and seeing this, Christ rejoices. To such as these He gives His peace. Where there are two together, there also He is present; and where He is, there evil is not.

These, then, are the thoughts which the Apostle in that brief expression of his has left for our consideration. Recall them to your mind, if ever there should be need to do so. Use them to strengthen yourself against the bad example which certain women give you. In no other way than this are Christians permitted to marry – and, even if they were, it would not be the prudent thing to do.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING 2011

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God,” said Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (Matthew 5:9). Peace is the wholeness and well-being that God wills for all creation. Although the effects of human sin wound all creation, God is continually at work in the world offering healing, wholeness, mercy, justice, and peace. God’s peace is offered wherever there is brokenness—in individual lives, families, congregations, communities, nations, and creation.

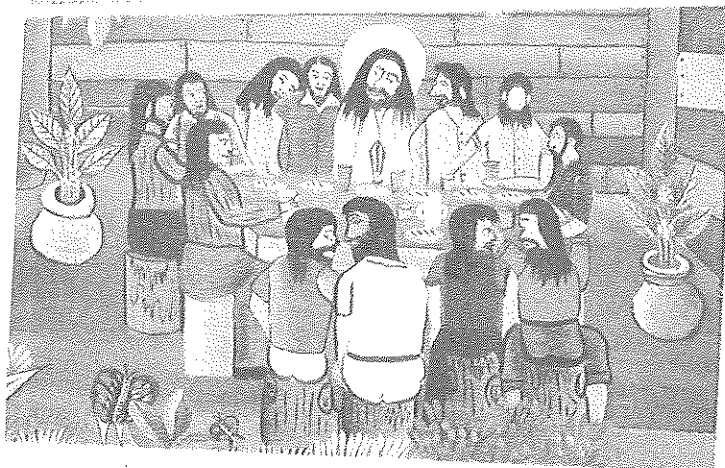
God’s gift of peace is most profoundly exemplified in the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christ calls all who profess faith in him to share the gospel message of peace with a broken and insecure world. Responding to this gracious gift, the church, as the body of Christ, is called to join others and go into the world to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God’s creation.

We become peacemakers when we join God in the task of healing and reconciling that which has been hurt or wounded in creation. Since 1980, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program has been providing support to Presbyterians as we engage in peacemaking. This work has been undergirded by the Peacemaking Offering.

25% is retained by this congregation, providing support for our own peacemaking ministry. **25% is allocated** to Presbytery and Synod for their peacemaking efforts. **50% is sent** to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to support a variety of resources and events designed to help the whole church do peacemaking.

God’s peace-giving is vast and unending. It touches lives and transforms all creation. Because we have been given the gift of peace through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we respond, offering our lives and our resources. The Peacemaking Offering is one way of responding. Please give generously.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



“A harvest of justice is sown in peace”

(James 3:18)

Academic & Workforce Development Center

318 Madison Avenue, Elmira



COLLECT FEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 2011

- Welcome Neighbors
- Games & Prizes
- Free Food
- Live Entertainment by “Top Shelf”
- Connecting College and Community!
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Annette Stevens
- 2 David J. Dalrymple
Gary Chorpenning
- 3 Brian Mosher
Curtis Ripley
- 6 Robert Drake
- 7 Robert Benjamin Jr
Tom Knight
- 10 Sarah Stamp
- 15 Ann Sambroski
- 17 Joel Robinson, Jr
- 19 Earl Bush

- 21 Henry Dalrymple
- 22 Linda Robinson
Kathleen Hansen
- 23 George Batrowny
Elizabeth Salatino
- 25 Sheryl Patno
- 26 Nelson van den Blink
Olivia Wilcox
- 27 Bobbi Furnas
Jordan Lee Mosher
- 30 Anne Beattie



OCTOBER DEACON VISITATION LIST

OCTOBER 2

Adele Roberts
1722 W Church Street
Elmira NY 14905

OCTOBER 16

Ruth Thomas
Bethany Courtyards Rm C106
3005 Watkins Road
Horseheads NY 14845

OCTOBER 9

Wanda Stebbins
620 Copley Street
Elmira NY 14905

OCTOBER 23

Elsene VanGaasbeck
1206 Hoffman Street
Elmira NY 14905

OCTOBER 30
Beverly Wilcox
1210 N Hoffman Road
Elmira NY 14905



OCTOBER PRAYER FAMILIES

OCTOBER 2

Christopher & Heather Taylor
...Brian, Daniel
Lewis and Betty Taylor

OCTOBER 16

Han & Nelson van den Blink
Ed VanDeventer
Kathryn Vanderhoef
Tom Van Osdol

OCTOBER 9

Brian & Rhonda Tebin
...Chase
Ruth Thomas
Kenneth and Sylvia Tuller
...Gary

OCTOBER 23

Elsene VanGaasbeck
Audrey Vanderhoff
Olga Marie Van Osdol
...Evan, Brianna, Alexis, Serena

OCTOBER 30

Ron & Nancy Varnum
Joseph & Michelle Vischansky
...Anthony, Angela, Robert

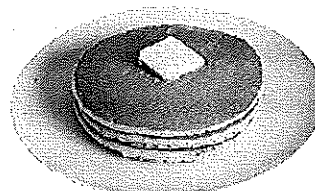


MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST -- 8AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

**All men of the church are invited to a fellowship
breakfast. Meet at North Church for good food, good
conversation, great fellowship. BRING A FRIEND**

Guest Speaker - Joel Buice
**"Effective Habits for the Effective
Christian"**



COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

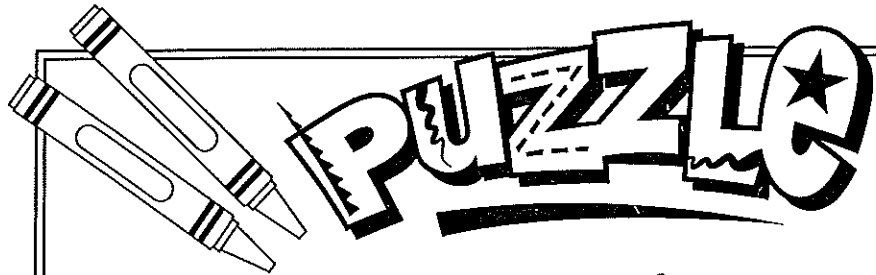
What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into 1/4-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

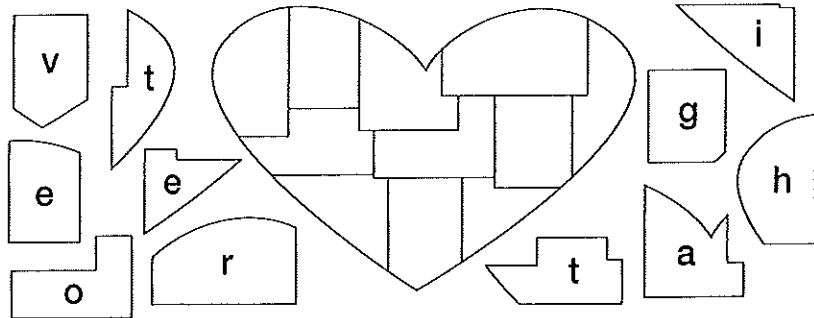


HOW TO GIVE

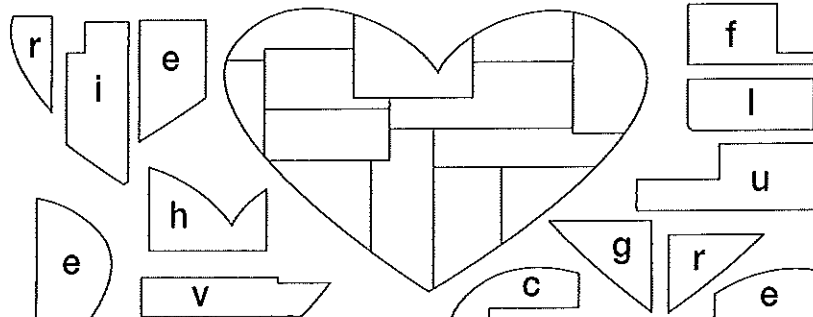
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver.